

Anar Mammadli's Health Deteriorates

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His parents reported this after meeting with him on 26 September.

According to information relayed by his family, Mammadli suffers from gonarthrosis (knee joint arthrosis), which has recently worsened. He is experiencing difficulty walking, as well as swelling and redness in his knee. Following consultations his family held with rheumatologists and traumatologists, it was suggested that the condition may be complicated by bursitis (inflammation of the bursa within the joint) and synovitis (inflammation of the synovial membrane). Doctors explained the swelling, redness, and increased temperature in his leg as symptoms of this condition.

Medical specialists recommend that patients with such illnesses must be under regular supervision and undergo MRI, X-ray, and laboratory tests. However, Mammadli has been denied proper and necessary medical examinations for 17 months. Repeated petitions from his lawyers requesting comprehensive check-ups at a civilian hospital have been rejected.

According to his family, the damp and humid conditions in which he is being held further aggravate his pain and inflammatory symptoms.

Without proper detention conditions and urgent medical care, Mammadli's health may prevent him from participating in the ongoing court proceedings.

Anar Mammadli, chair of the Election Monitoring and Democracy Studies Center (EMDSC), was arrested on 29 April 2025 as part of the crackdown against media and civil society organizations in Azerbaijan. He links his detention to his independent works in local election observation, community building, and human rights defense in the country.

International human rights organizations recognize Mammadli as a political prisoner and have repeatedly called for his immediate release and respect for his rights.